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1. LIKE MANY OF THE SMALLER MEMBERS OF NATO, THE
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DANES WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN ALL THE CONSULTATIVE
ACTIVITY IN NATO. DENMARK WANTS TO BE SURE THAT, EVEN
AS A LITTLE COUNTRY, ITS VIEWS ARE NOT NEGLECTED OR NOT
TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT. ON THE OTHER HAND, GIVEN
THE LIMITED PERSONNEL RESOURCES AVAILABLE, DENMARK
LIKES TO PARTICIPATE MORE ENERGETICALLY IN SUBJECTS
OF REAL, DIRECT INTEREST TO THEM OR WHERE THEY BELIEVE

THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE EXPERTISE, OR BOTH: E.G. NATO AMBASSADOR SVART'S EAST-WEST STUDY.

2. EVEN THOUGH DENMARK, LIKE NORWAY, BARS PEACETIME STATIONING OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON ITS TERRITORY, DENMARK'S CURRENT MEMBERSHIP ON THE NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP IS A SOURCE OF SATISFACTION TO THE DANES. IT SERVES TO DEMONSTRATE NOT ONLY DANISH COMMITMENT TO NATO, BUT, PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY, NATO'S ACCEPTANCE OF DENMARK AS A VALUED PARTNER. ON THE OTHER HAND, ALTHOUGH DANISH STATEMENTS ON THE REDUCED BLAST/ ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPON HAVE BEEN ACCEPTABLE FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, THE DANES PROBABLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE WHOLE ISSUE GO AWAY SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE FORCED TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED.

3. THUS FAR, EXCEPT FOR SOME MUMBLINGS ON SALT, WE HAVE HEARD FEW COMPLAINTS BY DANES THAT THEY HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM AD HOC NATO GROUPINGS CONSULTING OUTSIDE THE ESTABLISHED ALLIANCE STRUCTURE WITHOUT THEM. IF MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED WITHOUT THEM WHICH THE DANES BELIEVE WOULD AFFECT THEIR INTERESTS OR RELATIONSHIPS (SUCH AS THE NORTHERN TIER ON THE BALTIC), THEY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY REGISTER THEIR DISSATISFACTION.

4. WITH RESPECT TO CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE EC-9,
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THE OECD AND NATO, FROM THE DANISH POINT OF VIEW IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT MILITARY CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE IN THE NATO CONTEXT AND NOT IN THE EC. THEY MAY WELL BELIEVE THAT EVEN SUCH THINGS AS CSCE SHOULD REALLY BE LIFTED OUT OF THE EC AND PASSED TO NATO EXCLUSIVELY. THIS GENERAL POSITION PRESUMABLY SUITS US, AND IT IS OBVIOUSLY BETTER FOR THE DANES TO SAY IT THAN FOR US.

5. DENMARK IS SHOWING ITSELF TO BE A "POSITIVE" EC PRESIDENT FROM OUR VIEWPOINT AND THE US-EC DIALOGUE APPEARS TO BE FLOURISHING. FROM OUR SIDE, WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO PROD OUR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUREAUCRACY TO BE SENSITIVE TO AND UTILIZE OUR COMMITMENT TO THE US-EC EXCHANGE THROUGH THE PRESIDENCY. THIS IS DOUBLY IMPORTANT WHEN THE PRESIDENCY IS HELD BY ONE OF THE SMALLER MEMBERS OF THE NINE.

6. WE HAVE JUST SEEN, AND WOULD LIKE TO SECOND, AMBASSADOR LOWENSTEIN'S THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS (REF A). WE PARTICULARLY ENDORSE HIS OBSERVATION THAT, HOWEVER RESTRICTED OUR CONSULTATION, THE SMALLER ALLIES SHOULD NOT LEARN OF AMERICAN POLICY INITIATIVES FROM THEIR LARGER EUROPEAN PARTNERS. WE SHOULD BE SURE WE'RE THE ONES TO TELL THE LITTLE GUYS.

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